

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement between Groups I-V, applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group I, including claims 1-13. Once allowable subject matter is indicated Groups II-V should be rejoined under MPEP § 821.04.

In response to the election of species requirement applicants provisionally elect with traverse:

1. The base material A(i) which is particulate in claim 8;
2. The base material A(v) which is inorganic;
3. The polyhydroxyalkanoate (PHA) monomer is selected from B(i)=1 (formula 1 monomer);
4. The PHA monomer unit is C (a)- not chemically modified at least partly- (no)(b) election is necessary);
5. No election is necessary of species D since claim 13 is not elected. If need be, the structure to form the coated material D (a) is elected (does not require an immobilization step);
6. Regarding Species E, no election is necessary since claim 17 is not elected. If need be, species E is elected.

The claims readable on the elected species are claims 1, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.